**Ban on Lottery**

2696. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sale of lottery by State Governments have destroyed several families throughout the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ban the operation of lotteries run by States/Union Territories throughout the country; and

(c) whether lotteries run by private parties are also much in speration, if so what steps are being taken to stop the sale of lotteries run by private parties?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal for imposing a ban on all types of lotteries is under consideration.

**Renaming Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

2697 SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to name the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and places there after the names of famous heroes of freedom struggle;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed by Government to perpetuate the memory of these heroes for posterity?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to change the name of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under consideration of the Government. However it has been decided in principle to rename some of the Islands of the A&N Groups of Islands which are named after British Generals who gained notoriety for their having prosecuted and tortured our fellow countrymen.

**Registration of AIIEAD**

2698. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a society called 'Asian health Environment and Allied Database (AHEAD) was registered on 12th August, 1994 with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi;

(b) if so, the name, occupation and address of the founder member of the Society;

(c)the names, occupation and addresses of the first Board of Goveners of Society; and

(d) whether any foreign organisation, foreign Government and Non-foreign Government Organistion (NGO) is a member among the founder members of the Society?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Details are given in statement I (*See* below)

(c) Details are given in statement II (*See* below)

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement-I**

| S.No. | Name & Address | Occupation |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Karamcheti Satyanarayana<br>Publications & Information<br>Directorate, Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg,<br>New Delhi | Dy. Director |
| 2. | Hemchand Jain<br>Publications & Information<br>Directorate, Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg,<br>New Delhi | Scientist |
| 3. | Dr. Budhi Chander Sharma<br>Publications & Information<br>Directorate, Dr. K. S. Krishnan Marg,<br>New Delhi | Scientist |
| 4. | Dr. Gajanan Purushottam Phondke<br>Publications & Information<br>Directorate, Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg,<br>New Delhi | Director |
| 5. | Mr. Vijay Gopal Pande<br>International Development<br>Research Centre, South Asia<br>Regional Office, 17, Jor Bagh,<br>New Delhi | Regional Director |
| 6. | Mrs. Sajni Thukral<br>International Development<br>Research Centre, South Asia<br>Regional Office, 17, Jor Bagh,<br>New Delhi | Manager (Operations) |
| 7. | Mrs. Zareen Thomas<br>International Development<br>Research Centre, South Asia<br>Regional Office, 17, Jor Bagh,<br>New Delhi | Executive Assistant |

**Statement-II**

| S.No. | Name & Address | Occupation | Designation in the Society |
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| 1. | Karamcheti Satyanarayana<br>D-II/6, N.P.L. Colony,<br>New Delhi-110 060 | Dy. Director | Chairman |
| 2. | Hem Chand Jain<br>99, Hari Nagar Ashram,<br>Mathura Road,<br>New Delhi. | Scientist | Secretary |

| S.No. | Name & Address | Occupation | Designation in the Society |
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| 3. | Dr. Budhi Chander Sharma<br>1A/16, Geeta Colony,<br>Delhi-110 031. | Scientist | Treasurer |
| 4. | Dr. Gajanan Purshottam Phondke<br>7/9, M.S. Building,<br>N.P.L. Colony,<br>New Delhi-110 060 | Director | Member |
| 5. | Mr. Vijay Gopal Pande<br>97, Jor Bagh,<br>New Delhi-110 003 | Regional Director | Member |
| 6. | Mrs. Sanji Thukral<br>G-8, Maharani Bagh,<br>New Delhi-110 065 | Manager (Operations) | Member |
| 7. | Mrs. Zarcen Thomas<br>B-32/D, Gangotri Enclave<br>Alkananda,<br>New Delhi-110 019 | Executive Assistant | Member |

**Complaints by investors of Kislay Plantation**

2699. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Police Commissioner of Delhi had received complaints from the investors of Kislay Plantation Ltd. on 17th August, 1998 and 14th September, 1998 of being cheated by the company;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the police in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A case under section 420 IPC had been already registered at on 5th August, 1998 against M/s Kislay Plantation Ltd. on the basis of a complaint lodged by one of the investors. However, the case was later transferred to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police for thorough investigation.

**Spurt in Crime in the NCR**

2700. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a marked spurt in crimes in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan, especially in the so-called 'Wild West of UP' and areas in and around the Capital during the last six months;

(b) if so, the crime figures, showing crime against women, kidnapping, robberies, dacoities and murders during each of these months; and

(c) the steps taken by Government and the concerned States to curb the crime in the National Capital Region and the States indicating the number of such crime cases solved?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Available information in regard to incidents of crime against women, kidnapping, robbery, dacoity and murder in Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and